DEPARTMENTAL CURRICULUM RECOMMENDATIONS

AMERICAN LITERATURE

At the present time, the American Literature department offers a course in Negro literature every other year. We recommend that a Negro literature course be taught every year. We realize that the freeze on faculty hiring makes this a difficult recommendation to implement. However, a yearly course in Negro literature is essential to a well-rounded curriculum in black studies.

RELIGION

Currently, the Religion department addresses black religious thought in two of its courses. We recommend the creation of a course devoted to the study of black religious thought and its roots. Again, we realize the limitations on the implementation of this proposal in terms of faculty, but again, the creation of such a course is crucial to a rounded black studies curriculum.

FRENCH

The French department is devoted to the study of French-African and island literature to an extensive degree. The department has been integrating these literatures into their courses for a great while. They bring many movies to Middlebury that deal with the French-African experience. We praise the French department for its efforts and work in the study of French-speaking black cultures and recommend that they continue their excellent curriculum.

SOCIOLOGY

The Sociology department deals with black sociology in several of its course offerings, most notably in Ethnic Groups in America (SA 354). We recommend that the Sociology department continue its current level of study of black sociology, but that the department augment its black studies whenever possible.

PSYCHOLOGY

We strongly recommend the creation of a course that deals exclusively or heavily with black psychological issues, an area that is barely discussed in the Psychology curriculum at the present time. We find this state of affairs to be shockingly inadequate for a school with the academic stature that Middlebury possesses.